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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked up copy of the amended specification is attached to this Amendment):

Please replace the paragraphs on page 14, lines 6-16, with the following:

The communication path of the Web page 205 continues to the content transformer 140, where the Web page is transformed into a user device format. The transformation occurs wherever the content transformer 140 resides. The content transformer could reside at the content server 125 (as exhibited by the dashed box 310 in Figure 3) or at the gateway device 110 (as exhibited by the dashed box 320 in Figure 3). The content transformer 140 could also reside at a stand-alone site. A separate instance of the content transformer 140 may also be located at each location, in which case the downstream (closest to content server 125) instance of the content transformer 140 would allow the upstream

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